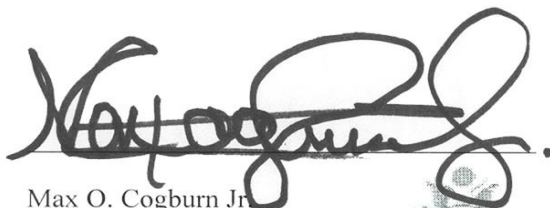


Defendants properly concede that the filing of an amended complaint renders their initial Motions to Dismiss moot, as it is well-settled that an amended pleading supersedes the original pleading, and that motions directed at superseded pleadings are to be denied as moot. See Young v. City of Mount Ranier, 238 F.3d 567, 572 (4th Cir. 2001) (“As a general rule, ‘an amended pleading ordinarily supersedes the original and renders it of no legal effect.’”) (citing Crysen/Montenay Energy Co. v. Shell Oil Co. 226 F.3d 160, 162 (2d Cir. 2000)); Turner v. Kight, 192 F. Supp. 2d 391, 397 (D. Md. 2002); 6 Fed. Prac. & Proc. Civ. § 1476 (3d ed. 2015) (“Once an amended pleading is interposed, the original pleading no longer performs any function in the case and any subsequent motion made by an opposing party should be directed at the amended pleading.”). Accordingly, the court will deny both of the Motions to Dismiss as moot.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the above-named Defendants’ Motions to Dismiss (##7, 9) are **DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE AS MOOT**.

Signed: January 5, 2016


Max O. Cogburn Jr.
United States District Judge